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Mr. Benjamin H. Read
Special Assistant to the Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

You will recall our conversation concerning the Presidential transition in which I agreed to explore what arrangements of mutual concern to State and CIA ought to be brought to the earliest attention of incoming senior officials of the Department. There are two matters which would appear to warrant the early awareness by the Department's new leadership in order to ensure the continuity of field operations.

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in the field. Secondly, the appropriate officials should be briefed on the role and procedures of the 303 Committee in authorizing and reviewing certain covert action programs.

There are other more specific matters which will be of concern and interest to the new officials. We would anticipate that these items will be communicated in the normal course of briefings which incoming officials will receive from their principal Agency contacts.

Sincerely,

(Signed) "RED"

L. K. White
Executive Director

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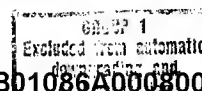
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